

# Family Education Newsletter

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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## PANCAKE and SAUSAGE DAY... It's almost here!

If you have not yet reserved WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 to be here on KSD's campus, do it now! After many requests (and A LOT of work), the KSD PTCA and Alumni Association will bring back this very popular event. In order to make this successful, we really need your help:

Door prizes - please ask one or two of the stores in your area to donate a small item for a door prize. We also greatly appreciate monetary donations that will be used for the cash drawing prizes.

Tickets - each KSD family and staff person has received some drawing tickets and meal tickets. Please work hard to sell these. Send the money to school (Sherry Hodge, Marsha Shannon, Rhonda Bodner, and Pat Bruce are the folks who collect the money). We have more tickets if you need them. Just ask ☺

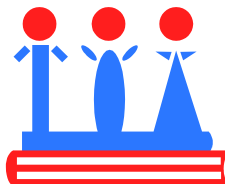
Help work - If you can come to campus for the day or for an hour on that Wednesday, we can really use some help serving pancakes, pouring coffee, washing dishes, etc etc etc.

Baskets - The KSD nurses, teachers, dorm staff, and others are working in groups to make baskets. These will be sold in a Silent Auction during the day. If a family or group of families want to go together and make a basket, that would be GREAT! Just bring it to one of the contact people and we'll get it wrapped in cellophane.

Poster winners - The PTCA and Alumni Association sponsored a poster contest for the students in Walker Hall (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade). These posters will be used in Newspaper advertisements and placed in local stores and businesses to encourage the Danville community to join us. The winners of the poster contest are:

- COREY LEWIS - First Place
- DAVID PRICE - Second Place
- TONY LONG, Jr. - Third Place

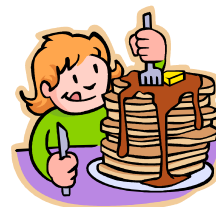
Congratulations and thanks to all of the students who submitted posters!



Supporting our children  
through home-school  
communication.

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## NEWS from the STATEWIDE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Plans for the new SFSC (Statewide Family Support Center) continue to develop. Once Lee Hall is cleaned up, we will move into our new home. We are very excited about this because we will have several rooms specifically for the families. There will also be a Resource Center in Lee Hall. Families can come, have a cup of coffee, read magazines/books, look at videotapes, and (we hope) be able to access



information on our computers. Watch the newsletter for more information... COME and VISIT us!

FAMILY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP - the KSD PTCA asked the new SFSC to plan a workshop for families from across the state. Enclosed is a flyer about this event: Saturday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have families from different schools and from every corner of the state here on campus. The goal is for

families to come together and work with each other, support each other, learn from each other, and make sure our children are getting the best possible services available. Please feel free to copy and share the registration information with other families.

NEEDS ASSESSMENTS - The SFSC is sending out packets of needs assessments to families across the state. This information will really help us know what resources and activities to plan. If you have not yet mailed your Needs Assessment back to us, please do so as soon as possible.



## CANDLE SALES

The PTCA had their most successful candle sales ever **thanks** to all of the students, families and staff who purchased and sold candles. The PTCA earned over \$2,000. from this event. The students who sold the most candles are:

### P-5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Austin Bridgeman  
Andrew Akers

### 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Drew Campbell  
Michael Robinson

Austin and Drew won \$50. for their top-seller awards. Andrew and Michael won \$25. each.



## ATHLETIC EVENTS

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams are practicing. Their games start in November. All alumni, parents, staff, and community are encouraged to come and support our teams!

November 23 - Girls (6:00) and Boys (7:30) Scrimmage games  
in Thomas Gym

November 29 - Boys AWAY game at Sayre (6:00)

November 30 - Boys AWAY game for the Bluegrass Conference  
Tournament (6:00)

Remember - Sweats, T-shirts, Polo-shirts and other logo-items are being sold by the KSD Athletic Department. These make great Christmas gifts or birthday gifts for the students. Contact Paul Smiley for more information.





## AROUND THE STATE...

**Contact Information** - In the process of carrying out the IMPLEMENTATION PLAN for expanding and improving services to all student in the state, the Kentucky Department of Education has established contact people for each Educational Co-op. More and more of the services "closer to home" will be handled through these co-ops. Please contact them with questions and suggestions. They want to know what the concerns and needs are in each area.



West Kentucky Co-op	Artie Grassman (270-293-8193 or <a href="mailto:grassman@ksd.k12.ky.us">grassman@ksd.k12.ky.us</a> )
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**Bowling Green** - Community Sign at Greenwood Mall on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7:00 pm.

**Elizabethtown** - Community Sign at Cici's Pizza on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 pm.

**Owensboro** - Family Sign class is every Tuesday night at Country Heights Elementary School

**Mayfield** - Tuesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00... Silent Dinner at Hill's BBQ. RSVP to Paula Humphreys ([Humphreys@ksd.12.ky.us](mailto:Humphreys@ksd.12.ky.us) or 270-443-3055)



## VISUAL PHONICS... What is it???

*by Jerri LaFavers*

Visual Phonics is an instructional system that was designed to help deaf children decode sounds by seeing and feeling them. The system includes forty-six written phonetic symbols and forty-six corresponding hand movements that represent each sound in the spoken language. Each written symbol always represents the same sound. These symbols were designed to help children make connections between written and spoken language.

Each hand movement is taught along with the auditory sounds of the language (ex. /b/, /s/, /t/, /o/, /u/). For example, the hand movement representing the /t/ sound is made by flicking together the thumb and index finger while the tongue tip is placed behind the front teeth forming the /t/ sound. The hand movements are meant to be gradually faded out after the system is taught, but can be used later only when a child does not know how to produce a sound or word. Once the system is learned, it is used in teaching reading and writing, and in speech therapy. This system is not a language or a mode of communication. Its focus is on sounds of the language, not necessarily the meaning of the language such as vocabulary or rules of grammar.





### NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Nov. 1 and Tuesday, Nov. 2 - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Nov. 17 - Little Theater of the Deaf  
1:30 in Thomas Gym

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - PANCAKE and SAUSAGE DAY  
6:00 am - 2:00 pm in Grow Hall

Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 - NO SCHOOL

Happy Thanksgiving!

Family and Community Sign Classes continue to meet on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm.; Barb Snapp's sign class for families and bus drivers continues to meet on Friday mornings at 9:00 in Walker Hall.

Christmas/Winter Break will be December 18 - January 2.

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